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Re: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans Docket No. 2005-100-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

We have received a copy of the letter to you from Stan Bugner of Verizon dated August 17, 2005, in the above-referenced docket. In the letter, Mr. Bugner requested that the hearing in the matter be postponed and that the four parties who had previously filed testimony be permitted to work toward a consensus proposal to present to the Commission.

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) agrees that the matter is best handled in the manner suggested by Mr. Bugner, and we support the request for continuance on this basis. However, as incumbent local exchange carriers who will be directly impacted by any plan or procedures that may be adopted with respect to the emergency continuation of services, the SCTC member companies would like an opportunity to participate in the working group.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Fox

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cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Docket No. 2005-100-C

IN RE:

Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency

Services Continuity Plans

CERTIF

OF SERVICE

I, Rebecca W. Martin, Secretary for McNair Law Firm, P. A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached Letter regarding the above-referenced matter on the following parties of record by causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, affixed thereto and addressed as follows:

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